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SUBJECT: MAY 31 INDOCHINA PRESS SUMMARY

1. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS ANALYZE IMPACT OF CANADA'S ICCS WITHDRAWAL AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN SAIGON, BELIEVES NO COUNTRY CAN OFFER CANADA'S ENERGY, DETERMINATION AND LONG EXPERIENCE IN "MURKY WAYS OF INDOCHINA." FEW KNOWLEDGABLE DIPLOMATS IN SAIGON EVER BELIEVED CANADA COULD SUCCEED IN ENFORCING C- F BECAUSE IT WAS HAMPERED FROM OUTSET BY "UNWORKABLE PEACE AGREEMENT." BUTTERFIELD REPORTS ICCS HAS MADE 414 INVESTIGATIONS AND WRITTEN 160 REPORTS ON 15,000 COMPLAINTS. TEN REPORTS WERE UNANIMOUS IN FINDING SVN GUILTY OF SPECIFIC C- F VIOLATIONS. NO UNANIMOUS FINDINGS OF VC VIOLATIONS, BECAUSE THIS WOULD HAVE REQUIRED POLGARIAN ASSENT. SENIOR HUNGARIAN ICCS REP, WHEN ASKED WHY NO UNANIMOUS FINDINGS AGAINST VC, REPLIED VC HAS SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERED TO VN AGREEMENT AND NEVER VIOLATED IT. BUTTERFIELD ALSO REPORTS SOME US OFFICIALS BELIEVE GAUVIN WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN ICCS ROLE IF LESS OUTSPOKEN AND AGGRESSIVE.

2. AP SAIGON (SUN) REPORTS MEXICO, FRANCE, ITALY, SCANDINAVIANS, AND MALAYSIA MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE CANADIAN SUCCESSOR. GAUVIN RECOMMENDS ASIAN REPLACEMENT.

INDONESIAN SPOKESMAN FAVORS MALAYSIA BECAUSE VN IS SEA PROBLEM, AND GVN SOURCES INDICATE MALAYSIA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. AFP'S LESLIE, IN SAIGON, REPORTS OFFICIALS THERE BELIEVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURE IN CANADA WAS MAIN REASON FOR CANADA'S DECISION (PHINQ). NYT'S GWERTZMAN REPORTS NIXON ADMIN OFFICIAL SAYS CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EVENT OF CANADA'S WITHDRAWAL WERE DRAWN UP OVER MONTH AGO AND NORWAY AND BRAZIL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION TO REPLACE CANADA. NO DECISION YET MADE OR COMMITMENTS ASKED FOR, BUT MAIN THING IS TO GET NONCOMMUNIST COUNTRY FRIENDLY TO US THAT HAS HAD SOME INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, ACCORDING GWERTZMAN'S SOURCE. GWERTZMAN ALSO QUOTES DOS OFFICIAL SAYING SULLIVAN TO GO TO PARIS FRIDAY FOR THACH TALKS IN ADVANCE OF HAK- THO

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MEETING WEDNESDAY. UPI PARIS (NYT) REPORTS VC REP SAYS, "WE DO NOT AGREE WITH CANADA'S REASONING THAT WE VIOLATED THE PEACE TREATY. IT WAS THE UNITED STATES AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION WHO VIOLATED THE CEASE- FIRE."

3. SENATE TO VOTE TODAY ON CAMBODIA BOMBING FUND

CUTOFF FOLLOWED BY SENATE- HOUSE CONFERENCE NEXT  
WEEK, GIVING HAK ADDED NEGOTIATING SPACE. SENATE  
VOTING EXPECTED TO FINISH TOMORROW. EAGLETON  
AND MCGOVERN PRAISE EACH OTHER'S EFFORTS TO STOP  
BOMBING AND SHAKE HANDS IN NEAR- EMPTY CHAMBER FOLLOWING  
ANTIBOMBING SPEECHES. MCGOVERN SAYS " WE MUST STOP  
TRYING TO MAKE SOUTHEAST ASIA SAFE FOR MILITARY  
DICTATORSHIPS." TAFT TO OFFER AMENDMENT PERMITTING  
PRESIDENT TO BOMB IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS AS LONG AS  
DIRECTED AGAINST NVA. DOLE TO OFFER AMENDMENT PER-  
MITTING PRESIDENT TO BOMB IF HE FINDS THAT HANOI  
HAS FAILED TO MAKE GOOD- FAITH EFFORT TO ACCOUNT FOR  
MIA ( WP, SUN). NYDN'S GREENE SAYS PRESIDENT CONVINCED  
HE HAS FULL CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO BOMB UNTIL  
HANOI HALTS SUPPORT OF KI AND WITHDRAWS NVA FROM  
CAMBODIA. PRESIDENT, ACCORDING GREENE, " IS FULLY  
PREPARED TO TAKE THE RISKS OF TROUBLE WITH THE  
SENATE, IF IT SHOULD COME TO THAT, IN HIS EFFORTS  
TO OBTAIN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE CEASEFIRE."

4. PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY REPORTS MANSFIELD SAYS THERE  
" AT LEAST A 50-50 CHANCE" THAT NEW POWS HAVE  
BEEN CAPTURED AS RESULT OF CAMBODIA BOMBING. FRIEDHEIM  
CONCEDES POSSIBLE AT LEAST TWO NEW POWS COULD HAVE  
BEEN CAPTUR  
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